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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: SATURDAY EVENING POST;  
JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOPALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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I talked to Sumner Blossom this morning regarding information we have received on the contemplated Alsop articles in the Saturday Evening Post. Bloss' first reaction was that it would be well for the Director to call Ben Hibbs on the telephone personally. I then explained the Henry Pringle articles. Bloss thought the thing to do was to call Beverly Smith, Washington editor of the Post, who was formerly on the staff of American Magazine, and tell him that Bloss suggested that I see him, and let Bloss know the results so that he could figure out something else if this does not work.

I spent approximately an hour with Beverly Smith this morning. You will recall him from our association several years ago in connection with the article on juvenile delinquency. Smith has been friendly in the past. I am reporting somewhat in detail exactly what I told him for possible future reference should it be needed for reference purposes.

I outlined to Smith that we had received word from three sources in the past couple of days; that we were not prepared to vouch for the accuracy of the information; that it could be Washington scuttlebutt, but that, nevertheless, the information did concern us considerably, that the information briefly was as follows: that Stewart Alsop was investigating the Bureau, had talked to various people around town to the point where it was becoming a matter of gossip; that he was going to write an article for Saturday Evening Post which would "get" the Director; that the article would condemn the Bureau along the lines of the Federal employee loyalty program, that we were applying the same investigative techniques to this program that we applied to White Slave and bank robbery cases; that the Director has a number of enemies in the Government; that Stewart Alsop is working with Marty Sommers, Saturday Evening Post editor who is going to handle the approval and publication of the article; that Sommers hates the Director's guts.

I told Smith we were concerned for two reasons: first, the Alsops had demonstrated over an extended period of time their bias toward the Bureau. I outlined that Stewart Alsop had been in OSS, that OSS had conducted an undercover campaign to get the Bureau out of the intelligence field. I emphasized the point that since the Director has headed the Bureau we have never sought to get the Bureau out of the intelligence field. I pointed out that in 1939 the late FDR planned to merge all intelligence investigative agencies and put the Director in charge, that the Director personally talked the President out of this.

I outlined specifics in connection with the recent articles about which we protested to the head of the NY Herald-Tribune syndicate.

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I advised of the exchange of correspondence and the impasse that was reached. I advised of the conversation several months ago with Stewart, then with Joseph Alsop in connection with their desire to secure information on the coverage of Lee Pressman at the CIO Convention. I told Smith off the record that of course there was a certain amount of truth to this, but that we could not talk about it for publication. He said of course we could not and that he did not see how any reasonable correspondent would expect us to.

I then pointed out that the second basis for concern was more delicate. I outlined the Henry Pringle article "Snooping on the Potomac." I told Smith how Pringle came to the Bureau before he wrote the article, that he had three cases wherein the Bureau was allegedly at fault; that we sat down with him, pulled the files, how he sat in our office and made the admission that he did not have all the facts; that our version altered the case; yet in the article he made no mention of his talk with us and made no mention of the three cases other than to cite them as he had written them prior to his talk with us. I told Smith the Director had written to Mr. Hibbs referring to these three specifics and referring to the other instances and asking for identification of the instances so that we could check on the details, and of the impasse that was reached on this. I told Smith we did not know Mr. Hibbs, that we had been told he was a very fair-minded, honorable gentleman; that we of course had had a very unfavorable experience on the Pringle case, that had we known Hibbs we would have gone directly to him.

I told Smith I had talked to Blossom and Blossom had told me to come over and let my hair down. Smith said he would not tell Hibbs about the Blossom angle, but felt the thing to do was to call Hibbs this afternoon and report to him exactly what I had reported to Smith. I told him there was no objection to this. He further stated this was the first word he had heard on the alleged Alsop articles, that he was of the opinion if Alsop had been commissioned by the Post to do an article on the Bureau he would know about it, and felt if anybody connected with the Post was using it for the purpose of attacking somebody, this was something Mr. Hibbs should know about. I reiterated that if Mr. Hibbs had any question about the Bureau we would be more than happy to have him, Beverly Smith, come to the Bureau and we would pull out our files and show him exactly what we had done, except of course in a matter dealing with top confidential secrets and that he would not expect this. He stated this certainly was fair enough and should be proof to Ben Hibbs of our sincerity. I told him we would not agree to do this with the Alsops in view of their bias and prejudice which was well established; that if he wanted documentation on the prejudices of the Alsops we would show him in one-two-three order what the situation was if he would come over.

In other words, I told him we were prepared to back up what I had told him, that we could not identify the sources of our informa-

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tion regarding the articles although we did regard them as reliable. Smith said he would do everything he could to work this out to the mutual satisfaction of everyone. I told him we were not raising any issue on the right of the Post to express an opinion, that if they thought we were no good they could say so and we would defend their right to say it, but we did think if they came out with facts upon which their conclusions were based that the facts should be accurate and that it was inconceivable that the Post would want anything else.

Smith further stated that, "You know how I feel toward your boss and your organization. I'll do everything I can." I feel that Smith is sincere and conscientious and I would be inclined to believe him. He said he would endeavor to call me this afternoon after he talked to Hibbs and if for any reason he did not talk to Hibbs this afternoon he would certainly do it first thing Monday.

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Beverly Smith called. He had talked to Ben Hibbs, the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, and had discussed the matter that I had discussed with him earlier today. He said Hibbs told him that our information was partly right and partly wrong; that for the past year the Post has been considering doing an article or articles on the FBI and the Director; that the assignment was offered to a very reputable veteran reporter in the New York area who turned it down because he was too busy; that approximately a couple of weeks ago Hibbs talked to Joseph Bryan, III about doing an article or articles. Bryan has it under consideration and has not given an answer as to whether or not he will do it. Smith stated Bryan was the collaborator with Admiral Halsey on the articles he ran in the Saturday Evening Post recently; that he is the nephew of the owner of the Richmond papers; that his uncle at one time was the Chancellor of the University of Virginia; that he has a reputation of being an excellent writer, very objective and very fair.

Smith stated Hibbs did not indicate any animosity against the FBI; that he is now convinced that at least the article or articles will be fair; that the articles might be tough. I asked him what he meant by this and he said highly objective, reflecting different viewpoints but that still the articles would be fair. I told him that, of course, was all that we asked for. I told him that, of course, we would not object to anybody's writing anything about us so long as it was true and fair as we had nothing to conceal. I told him if Mr. Bryan accepted the assignment and if at any time we could be of assistance to him we would be most appreciative of his contacting us; that if he does have anything of a derogatory or critical nature we would like a bill of particulars and in turn would give him a bill of particulars.

Smith stated there would be no trouble with a person like Bryan who was Associate Editor of the Post for many years and who at one time was editor of Town and Country Magazine.

Hibbs said Alsops were not to do the Article.

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS

JOSEPH BRYAN, III, APPROXIMATELY FORTYTWO YEARS OF AGE, IS THE SON

OF MR AND MRS J. ST. GEORGE BRYAN, BEING BORN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

HIS FATHER IS DECEASED AND MOTHER PRESENTLY RESIDES PRESTWOULD

APAREMENTS RICHMOND. BRYAN WAS ~~EDUCATED~~ EDUCATED EPISCOPAL HIGH

SCHOOL, A PRIVATE AND EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL, LATER GRADUATING PRINCETON

UNIVERSITY. HE THEN BECAME A REPORTER FOR THE RICHMOND NEWS ~~LEADER~~

LEADER OF WHICH HIS UNCLE, D. TENNANT BRYAN, SR., IS PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDER

LIKEWISE BEING PRESIDENT OF THE RICHMOND NEWSPAPERS, INC. HIS SON, D.

TENNANT BRYAN, JR., WAS ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE RICHMOND

NEWSPAPERS, INC. UPON THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER. THE FATHER OF JOSEPH

BRYAN, III LIKEWISE WAS A STOCKHOLDER IN THE RICHMOND NEWSPAPERS, INC.

AND UPON HIS DEATH SOME OF HIS FATHERS STOCK WAS PASSED ON TO JOSEPH

BRYAN, III. HE IS PRESENTLY A SMALL STOCKHOLDER ~~IN~~ IN THE RICHMOND

NEWSPAPERS, INC. AFTER SERVING AS A REPORTER ON THE RICHMOND NEWS

LEADER FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HE BECAME EDITOR OR ASSISTANT EDITOR OF

QUOTE TOWN AND COUNTRY UNQUOTE AFTER WHICH HE BECAME AN ASSISTANT

OR ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. HE LATER BECAME A

FREE LANCE WRITER. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

IS A WHITNEY, AND AS A RESULT OF THIS MARRIAGE, JOSEPH BRYAN, III

IS INDEPENDENTLY ~~WEALTHY~~ WEALTHY, RESIDING AT HILLSDALE OR DOYLESDALE,

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DURING THE WAR BRYAN BECAME A LIEUTENANT IN THE U S NAVY, ASSIGNED TO COMBAT INTELLIGENCE. HE WAS STATIONED ON THE USS LEXINGTON. AS A RESULT OF THIS ASSIGNMENT HE HAS WRITTEN HIS BEST BOOK QUOTE MISSION BEYOND DARKNESS UNQUOTE. HE HAS LIKEWISE WRITTEN THE LIFE OF ADMIRAL HALSEY. JOSEPH BRYAN, III IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS BORN QUOTE WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ MOUTH UNQUOTE, LIVED IN AN UNREALISTIC WORLD, UNAWARE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE TIME, MOVING IN QUOTE CAFE SOCIETY UNQUOTE IN NEW YORK, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED A GOOD TIME. BRYAN HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN EXCELLENT WRITER WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ORGANIZATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE WORK. SOURCE OF INFORMATION BELIEVES THAT HE WOULD WRITE THE OBSERVATIONS WHICH HE COULD SEE ON THE SURFACE RATHER THAN TO BE POSSESSED OF THE ABILITY TO DIG UNDER AND DEVELOP ANYTHING CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF ANY ORGANIZATION. IT IS BELIEVED BRYAN WOULD WRITE CRITICALLY CONCERNING ANY OBSERVATIONS WHICH HE NOTED TO BE UNDEMOCRATIC OR WHICH DESERVED CRITICISM CONCERNING ANY ~~ASSIGNMENT~~ ASSIGNMENT OF HIS. BRYAN IS GIVEN MORE TO WRITING OF THE GLORIOUS SIDE RATHER THAN THE ~~CRITICAL~~ CRITICAL SIDE OF ANY OPERATION. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION, BRYAN IS BELIEVED TO BE EXTREMELY ETHICAL AND WILL MAINTAIN CONFIDENCES. IT WAS FURTHER INDICATED THAT IN ORDER TO BEST HANDLE BRYAN TO OUTLINE ~~XXXXX~~ EXACTLY WHAT INFORMATION HE SHOULD PUBLISH AND HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM AS TO THE INFORMATION



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THAT HE COULD NOT PUBLISH. BRYAN IS THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL THAT LIKES TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION IN THE PREVAILING QUOTE CAFE SOCIETY UNQUOTE IN NEW YORK. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE, HIS POLITICAL VIEWS BEING DEMOCRATIC. HE HAS LIVED AND SURVIVED BY THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM AND IS NOT INCULCATED WITH ANY FOREIGN ISMS. HIS ~~LOYALTY~~ LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS UNQUESTIONED, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION. BRYAN PRESENTS A STRIKING PERSONAL APPEARANCE, BEING EXTREMELY TALL AND A FASHION PLATE ~~WEEK~~ IN HIS DRESS. HE IS TO APPEAR IN RICHMOND ON OCTOBER TEN FOR A SPEECH AT MILLER AND RHOADS DEPARTMENT ~~STORE~~ STORE IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHORS DAY. IN THE EVENT FURTHER INFORMATION IS DESIRED, KINDLY ADVISE.

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The Bureau files contain no references to Bryan, nor is there a biographical writeup in "Who's Who." Navy Department records reflect that he was born on April 30, 1904, at Iaburn, Henri County, Virginia. He attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, Princeton University, from which he received an A. B. degree in 1927. His father is J. St. George Bryan.

On graduation from Princeton, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the field artillery reserve. On July 21, 1932, he was re-appointed a second lieutenant. On August 8, 1932, he was appointed a first lieutenant. On July 17, 1937, he was discharged as a first lieutenant for failure to reply to an official communication, with the comment that no moral turpitude was involved.

In 1927 Bryan was a feature writer for the East Africa Standard. From 1928 to 1932 he was an editorial writer, reporter and assistant editor for the Richmond Leader. His uncle, incidentally, owned this paper. He also worked in this period for the Chicago Journal and Time Magazine. From 1933 to 1937 he was managing editor for Town and Country. From 1937 to 1940 he was associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post. He then became a free-lance writer and has contributed articles to Life Magazine, Fortune and others. He has traveled extensively in Europe, East Asia and Africa. His wife is Katherine Burns of the Whitney family in New York. He makes his home at R. F. D. 1, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

On May 7, 1942, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy and reported to the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. On December 24, 1942, he was assigned to the southwest Pacific. On October 17, 1944, he was promoted to lieutenant commander and on June 1, 1945, reported to the office of public relations in Washington. On February 5, 1946, he was released to inactive duty. There is nothing derogatory against his record.

The Richmond Office has advised that on the death of Bryan's father he inherited his father's stock in the Richmond Newspapers, Inc., and is presently a small stockholder. His mother-in-law is a Whitney and as a result of his marriage he is independently wealthy.

During the war he was stationed on the aircraft carrier Lexington and wrote his best book, "Mission Beyond Darkness." He, of course, was the writer of Admiral Halsey's stories in the Saturday Evening Post.

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Bryan has been characterized as one who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, who has lived in an unrealistic world unaware of the social and economic conditions of the time moving in cafe society in New York. He is described as an individual who enjoys and appreciates a good time. He is an excellent writer but knows nothing about organizational or administrative work.

Jack Wise, general manager of the Richmond papers, has advised that Bryan would write the observations which he could see on the surface rather than to dig under and develop anything concerning operations of an organization. The opinion was expressed that Bryan would write critically concerning any observations which he noted to be undemocratic or which deserved criticism concerning any assignment of his; however, he is given more to writing on the glorious rather than the critical side of any operation. He is described as being extremely ethical and can maintain confidences. It was pointed out that the best way to handle Bryan is to outline exactly what information he should publish and have a clear understanding with him as to the information he could not publish. He is the type of individual who likes to be the center of attraction in the prevailing "cafe society" in New York. He is said to be extremely conservative. He has lived and survived by the capitalist system and has not been inculcated with any foreign isms. His loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. He is said to make a striking personal appearance, being extremely tall and a fashion plate in the manner of his dress.

Sumner Blossom has informed me that Bryan is an excellent writer, is very fair, objective, and we should have no difficulty with him. This opinion has been expressed by Beverly Smith, the Washington editor of the Saturday Evening Post, as well as his assistant, Mr. Morrow.

Sam McKee knows the Bryan family. He has met Joseph Bryan III a number of years ago and says he has an excellent reputation. McKee has a relative at Doylestown, Henry Bryer of the Bryer Ice Cream Company, who may know Bryan there and might be of assistance.

I talked to Jack Patterson, who formerly was in the public relations office of the Department and is now at the State Department. He knows Bryan personally. He says Bryan is very witty. He in the past has gone for the amusing side of things although he tends to be a wise guy and is on the cynical side. I explained the situation to Jack Patterson off the record; he has always been very friendly. Patterson said that Bryan has never been known to do a smear job and he does not believe that Bryan would permit himself to be put in the role of doing a smear job although he would be critical if he felt the facts justified it. Patterson

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thought that the thing to do with Bryan was to be very factual and lay the cards on the table. He thought there should be no question about Bryan's maintaining any confidences.

When Bryan arrives at the Bureau at 10 o'clock Monday morning I contemplate taking him on a tour and then we will endeavor to be very factual and objective with him. At the earliest opportunity I will let you know how the situation is going in the event the Director wants to set up the appointment from 10 o'clock Tuesday to some time on Monday afternoon. I had previously told Smith that it was doubtful whether the Director would be in town. When I called him back to tell him about the 10 o'clock appointment I told him the Director had rearranged his schedule and now found that he could keep the appointment at 10 o'clock. Should the necessity arise to say something I will merely tell Bryan that a situation arose which necessitated the Director's returning ahead of schedule.

I am <sup>submitting</sup> ~~attaching~~ a separate memorandum on specific points which might be raised inasmuch as these constitute pretty much the sum total of the criticism that is likely to be directed at the Bureau.

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For record purposes, I desire to record that Joseph Bryan, III, called at the Bureau last Monday afternoon, October 13, 1947. In our preliminary conversation he told me that he had been very much interested in the Bureau over a period of time, but knew nothing about the Bureau or the Director except what he had read in the papers. He told me quite frankly that he had been in Richmond the previous weekend; that he had discussed the FBI with both Richmond papers and that both were very high in their praise of the work the Bureau has done and the character of the people and were quite commendatory about the Bureau's achievements. I told him that we, of course, were always glad to lend our cooperation to a legitimate writer representing a legitimate publication. I asked him quite frankly if he was familiar with the discussions we had had with the Washington editors of the Post. He stated he was not. I then laid the cards on the table regarding the contemplated plans of the Alsops, of our reluctance in view of their inability to be objective and fair. I took a little time and outlined some of the comments the Alsops had made and the facts. I told him quite frankly that we had been just a little apprehensive in view of the attitude of the Post in times gone by. Bryan, and this I thought was a very good indication, flared up a little and said there were a few things he would like to make clear. First of all, he stated, he was not wedded to the Post and the Post did not dictate the manner in which he was to write; that he was fortunately in the position where he was in sufficient demand to write what he wanted to write the way he wanted to write it, and that he would promise us one thing at the very beginning - that he would not write anything that was not true and that nothing would be printed until we had first seen what he had written; that while he might express a conclusion we might not agree with, nevertheless, he would welcome our criticism and observations and that if anything he put into the story was factually inaccurate, he would change it.

He stated he had not as yet agreed with the Saturday Evening Post to do the series as he was withholding personal commitment until he could see us and could know the nature of the cooperation he would receive from us. He then referred to Admiral Halsey and stated his agreement with Halsey at the very outset was that he would write nothing except that which was true; that he would not write anything which would cast a reflection on the Naval Service; that he would not put anything into direct quote which Halsey did not specifically authorize. He then stated that he knew we could appreciate the best of what he could not do the series requested unless he had our full cooperation; that he had established what he thought was a good reputation for keeping a confidence; that he has never broken a confidence; that obviously there would be a lot of questions arising wherein it would be helpful for him

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I very good conditions & keep informed for future dealings with writers. H

L. B. Nichols

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to have the answers even though the information furnished could not be printed, and whenever we told him something we did not want printed and which was confidential, it should be so stated. He further stated that writers at times appear foolish by the nature of the questions they ask; that he frankly would ask both the Director and me questions which at first blush we might think were quite personal and maybe not pertinent. I told him the Director understood that and that all we ask is that we be dealt with fairly and squarely and that we in turn would deal fairly and squarely. I told him we had nothing to conceal; that we were a human organization and we did make mistakes; that hindsight is always better than foresight; that we did not mind being criticized for that we did which deserved criticism, but that, frankly, we did not like to be criticized for something we did not do. He stated this was normal and he did not anticipate there would be any difficulty.

He stated he would want to devote considerable study to the Bureau and he thought there would be at least 3 articles - namely, 2 on the Bureau and one on the Director, and that it would not be possible for him to write a well-rounded, objective piece unless he got material both from the Bureau and from those opposed to the Bureau. He started out by asking what newspaper, preferably in New York, had been most objective in handling the Bureau and stated that he would not go to an unfriendly newspaper. I told him that the New York Times had always been very objective in handling the Bureau; that at times it had expressed editorial approval, and at other times it had raised question. He further stated he would like to go to some of Mr. Hoover's enemies and that he would be glad to have a list that we would suggest. He stated that obviously he should see the Alsops, but he desired to state quite frankly and off-the-record that in his opinion a condemnation from the Alsops was probably a pretty good recommendation; that the Alsops were good writers, but that he personally detested Joe Alsop. Prior to leaving I furnished him with the following list of names:

STEWART ~~X~~ AISOP

Alsop Brothers  
Roger ~~X~~ Baldwin  
Westbrook ~~X~~ Egler  
I. F. ~~X~~ Stone

Rex ~~X~~ Collier

Jim Werchsler  
(James ~~X~~ Burns (AFGE))  
William ~~X~~ Green  
Ken ~~X~~ Crawford

~~Morris Ernest~~  
MORRIS ~~X~~ ERNEST

I told him a little bit about all of them. He stated he thought this was a very objective list. He asked if the Director kept a scrapbook which would furnish him with a list of newspaper clippings.

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RE: JOSEPH BRYAN, III

I evaded this question at the time but after the Director approved this idea Miss Gandy furnished me with the 1946 clippings which I exhibited to him and I told him we would be glad to make the clippings available. I further told Bryan if he wished we would be glad to give him an office and a typewriter and he could write here at the Bureau and if questions arose he could put them to us and if the question necessitated research we could compile the information at the time. This seemed to please Bryan and he stated that he would be very glad to take advantage of this offer. It frankly is my idea that the closer we can keep Bryan to the Bureau, the more voluminous information we can furnish him, the less he will be seeking it from bootleg sources.

I then started out on tour with him on Monday afternoon and Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00. In the course of the tour we covered rather thoroughly this building. It was not possible to cover Quantico, the Identification Building or the Field Office. We spent approximately two hours with the Director on Monday afternoon. It was rather interesting in that Bryan had told a friend of his that he would meet him at 5:00 o'clock. It was approximately 6:15 when we left the Director's Office. Even though I had reminded him of the 5:00 o'clock appointment, he had lost track completely of the time.

Bryan is a very conservative and somewhat reticent individual. He had warmed up considerably during the session with the Director. In the course of the conversation with the Director I pointed out the agreement that Bryan had made about printing nothing except that which was true and letting us see the material. He reaffirmed this in the Director's presence. I furnished him with detailed copies of our Annual Reports for the past 4 years; with recent copies of the Director's speeches and our booklets. As he was getting ready to leave he stated he had some other loose ends to clean up and that he would probably be back the first or second week in November. At that time we were still thinking the picture would be in production by that time and I told him frankly that I doubted if I would be available then. He then stated he would start in on the 20th if it was definite I would not be here. I told him I would let him know by the end of the week. Upon receipt of the information as to the starting date in January, I called Bryan Saturday morning and told him my plans had been changed and I would be available at least until around the first of the year. He stated he would now get busy and make his plans; that he might come down this week but as soon as he ascertained and made up his plans he would communicate with us.

I am confident that the Director's session with Bryan was very much worthwhile and while maybe I am overly optimistic, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we didn't get a series out of this that would do more good than harm. One question came up which I would like to set forth in the event he

L. B. Nichols

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10-20-47

RE: JOSEPH BRYAN, III

should bring it up with the Director: Sometime during the conversation with the Director he told the Director he was still a Naval Officer. The Director replied, "I know." He asked me how the Director knew he was still a Naval Officer. I told him when the situation first came to our attention about his coming in, I had asked Sam McKee, who is the son of a YMCA Secretary in Richmond, if he knew Mr. Bryan. Sam recalled having met Mr. Bryan years ago, knew him by reputation and knew of his family. I described Sam's physical appearance to Bryan and he said, "I'll be damned," as he remembered Sam. I then told him Sam had sent in a clipping from one of the Richmond papers covering his lecture on Friday, the 10th, and that this clipping contained quite a biographical sketch, and that undoubtedly the Director had seen this clipping.

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I think Bryan is sincere  
& means well & we should  
help him all we can.  
Whether he can make the  
D. C. Post see us in the right  
light is another thing &  
only time will tell.

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TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Tele. Room  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

While making plans to go to the Coast last week and before my plans were changed, I called Joseph Bryan III on Wednesday evening to tell him that I planned to be out of town this week and I wanted to check with him on his plans. He was very appreciative of the call but stated that he was going to write me the first thing in the morning, which of course he would not do now as it would not be necessary; that another matter has arisen that the Saturday Evening Post is insisting that he handle immediately, and it will probably be the last of December or early in January before he can get on the FBI series. He stated that there is no rush on the FBI series, that the Post wants him to take all of the time that he needs in order to do justice to the subject, and that just as soon as he completed his present assignment he would be in touch with us. I told him if he happened to be in Washington between now and then to be sure and let me know.

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Mr. Joseph Bryan, III  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bryan:

I have your letter of February 25th, and naturally the Bureau regretted that your assignments will deprive us of the pleasure of working with you on a story pertaining to the FBI's activities. Even though you will be precluded from doing this series, I hope that some time when you are in Washington we may have the pleasure of saying hello to you.

With reference to the material which was furnished you, if you would have any use for it, it will be perfectly satisfactory for you to retain it for your files. Since the matter may be reassigned, however, it is suggested you may wish to return the material to me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

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DOYLESTOWN, PA.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

J. C. BRYAN III

Most reluctantly, I have been forced to abandon my hopes and plans of writing the series on the FBI. Since I last had the pleasure of seeing you and Mr. Hoover, one assignment after another has been handed me — each marked "Rush!" — with the result that it would be unfair to both the Bureau and the Saturday Evening Post for me to reserve this series any longer, when I have no idea how soon I could give it the concentrated attention that it deserves. I have already explained my decision to the Post, so it remains only for me to thank you and Mr. Hoover for your great courtesy and to express my regrets for having monopolized your time to no avail.

I can at least assure you of this much — that my visits to the Bureau have gained it and its officers a vociferously devoted admirer in

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Yours sincerely,

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PS: Should I return the documents you were kind enough to lend me, or should I give them to the Post for loan to their new assignee?

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March 28, 1950

*jm*  
Honorable Edward Allen Tamm  
Judge  
United States District Court  
for the District of Columbia  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Ed:

*Joseph Bryan III alias Gil Bryan*

I appreciate your referring Mr. Neil Vanderbilt's letter of March 14, 1950, to me.

The information he furnished concerning the group and the individual he named, will be given appropriate attention and I am dropping him a note to thank him for his action.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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*Jm*  
Major Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.  
711 North Beverly  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Neil:

*Joseph Bryan III*  
Judge Tamm has referred to me your letter *alias Gil Bryan*  
dated March 14, 1950, and I did want to write this  
note to thank you for furnishing the data you related.  
I appreciate having this information made available  
to me.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# Smart Set

Cholly Knickerbocker Says:

## McCarthy May Wed Joan Kear

**CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS:** The only name that can make Sen. Joe McCarthy forget Communists and spies is Joan Kerr. She's his dream girl and in Washington they say she may become Mrs. McCarthy. One of Lady Astor's best friends became so incensed over her attacks on Sen. McCarthy that he wired her a scorching message just before she called and said he would never speak to her again. As a matter of fact, many of Nancy Langhorne Astor's friends are burned up over her tirades. If that goes on, Lady Astor soon will be speaking only to herself.

**STRAWBERRY-HAIRED GERMAN ACTRESS EVA BARTOK** is the fly in the ointment of a much-publicized Lord and Lady of the Realm. Her Ladyship, incidentally, is American. Oil millionaire Paul Getty (he owns the Pierre Hotel) is inseparable from Ethel LeVane these evenings in Paris. As a matter of fact, Ethel is presently ghosting a book for Getty. Mrs. Henry Ringling North is ready to explode in print and even in court against her estranged husband, the circus tycoon. Henry just trotted off to Europe.



Edwina Osborn and Mario Braggiotti chat at the opening of the Stenben Room at the Carlton House. The two great grandchildren are Whitelaw and Ogden Reid, who with their mother, Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, live at the New York Herald Tribune.

The estate, which was sold to a realty developer last year, is a veritable white elephant. It had a 42-room mansion and 1,000 acres adjacent to fashionable Burlingame.

**THE FABULOUS AGA KHAN**, who's been in the news for half a century, shortly will reveal the truth behind the demi-god playboy facade by which the world knows him. This past week in Paris the aging, corpulent ruler of the Ismaili sect initiated through his agents a contract with Simon and Schuster by which he may extract as much as \$1,000,000 from the American reading public. That is what the sale of his memoirs is expected to net him in this country alone, with perhaps another million thrown in for film, radio and TV rights. Publication is set for immediately after the new year.

There are a few snags still to be ironed out before Raymond Guest and "Tucky" Astor can take each other for better or for worse.

**THE THREE GRANDCHILDREN** and the two great grandchildren of the founder of the Mills family fortune—Darius Ogden Mills—will divide among themselves the \$3,500,000 derived from the sale of the famed Mills estate in suburban San Francisco.

The granddaughters are Lady Jean Templeton-Ward and Lady Beatrice Granard, wife of the Earl of Granard, and Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phillips of Palm Beach.

According to an eye-head, Mr. Lincoln Schuster, Khan wants the world to have a complete, comprehensive and candid account of his life in the East and in the West from the time he was presented to Queen Victoria.

The Aga Khan has promised to "tell everything," no how embarrassing it may be to many famous people living dead. In fact, the memoirs deal with so many personages, so to home that publishers in France and England wouldn't touch them with an asbestos glove.

Joseph Bryan, 3d, the writer-editor, is now en route to Cannes to help the Aga whip the material into shape. His contract calls for him to spend April and May at the Aga Khan's villa in Cannes, the June racing season in Versailles, then to Evian to take the waters, then to Aix Les Bains for the baths, then September in Venice and back home with the memoirs in October.

The memoirs must be hot property indeed. The Aga Khan is getting the highest royalty ever paid to an author. Top writers like Hemingway only get about 15 per cent of the book price. The Aga Khan is getting close to 20 per cent.



Miriam Douglas-Scott Thropp and Don Guinness are shown at a party at Armando's.

**HOW COME NILS C. NEILSON**, who was forced to resign from the U.S. Information Service's Motion Picture Division in 1950, now heads the Mutual Security Administration's movie division in Paris—a better job?

An international romance rivaling that of Sheppard W. King's much-reported courtship of Samia Gamal, the belly dancer, is shaping up for Shep's beautiful 19-year-old sister, Patricia. Pat is crazy about Khosrow Ghahghal, a young multi-millioned scion of one of Iran's most influential families. It all began in Paris and now Khosrow is following Pat to America. Brother Shep, all in favor, says, "He's a real nice guy. It would be real cozy to have another Moslem around."

**TOP NBC PRODUCER HUDSON FAWCETT** and pretty post-deb Pat Remick, who are on the edge of the ledge, dining away from the glitter mob at the Washington Square Inn. Ten-goaler Dr. Clarence "Buddy" Combs is minus a tooth as a result of a stray mallet in the Squadron A polo matches over the weekend.

Ad exec Seward Heaton takes beautiful Sigrid Lassen's little girl Tish walking in the park when mama's busy. Dorothy Sarnoff, currently at the Pierre's Collin Room, once earned her "C" at Cornell University by captaining the female soccer team.

Men-about-town Dick Cowell and Horace Schmidlapp are said to be interested in producing movies at the Parsonnet Studios in Long Island City.

**IRREPRESSIBLE JOHNNY MEYER**, back in town, is ducking the press with Viennese beauty Ilse Bey. Mrs. Florence Moody, the beautiful Texas socialite, is the latest subject of Philip artist Jean Dominique Van Caulaert.

Betty Tyson, Perle Mesta's niece, and her husband, Lt. Col. Lew Mills, have left a fashionable house in Washington while on a military assignment duty. Could they be harbingers of Perle's return to Washington and her battle to regain top hostess honors? Meanwhile, Perle is planning a fabulous dinner ball the day after the Coronation in London, which she says "will be along the lines of my Washington parties."

**BON MOT:** "Avoid a question for the day is also a horse."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓

DATE: April 17, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: LEWIS STEENROD THOMPSON  
ALSO KNOWN AS "PINKY" THOMPSON

JOSEPH P. BAYAN

SYNOPSIS:

Lewis S. Thompson, Jr., aka "Pinky" Thompson born March 15, 1904, New York City. Father multimillionaire World War I hero who was large stockholder in Standard Oil. His mother was reported to be very prominent person in Republican politics. Graduated from Princeton 1926 and was suspended one week in 1923 at Princeton for drinking in dormitory. Served on Board of Managers, New Jersey State Prison 1936 and has been member of American Prison Association since 1936. Bureau applicant investigations of Thompson favorable, reflecting him to be millionaire who is ambitious, capable and loyal. He has been employed by Standard Oil Company and during World War II worked for Office of Production Management, War Production Board, and Combined Production and Resources Board in Washington, and for Mission for Economic Affairs, London, England. Native of New Jersey, he resided in 1950 at 3111 N Street, Northwest and was last known to be president of Briggs Filtration Company, Washington, D. C.

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April 17, 1953

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BASIS:

In accordance with your instructions, this memorandum briefly summarizes pertinent information in Bufiles regarding Lewis S. Thompson, Jr., believed to be identical with the "Pinky" Thompson whom you described as being affiliated with air conditioning in Washington, D. C.

Lewis S. Thompson, Jr. was the subject of two applicant-type investigations by the Bureau, one in 1941, the other in early 1950. These investigations reflected the following information.

Thompson was born March 15, 1904, in New York City. He is the son of a World War I hero, now deceased, who was a multimillionaire stockholder in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. His mother, Geraldine Thompson, was described as being very prominent in the Republican Party.

Thompson attended Princeton University 1922-26, rating well scholastically and receiving the A.B. degree. In 1923 he was suspended from the university for one week for drinking intoxicants in the dormitory. He was a member of the football team and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Princeton ROTC. Reportedly Thompson was a heavy drinker in his college days, who settled down after he graduated.

He was married in 1928 but divorced his first wife and was remarried in 1933. He has three children. Persons interviewed described Thompson as being very wealthy but as being hard working, ambitious, capable, efficient, and loyal to the United States. It was noted that in 1936 he was on the Board of Managers of the New Jersey State Prison and has been a member of the American Prison Association since 1936. The investigations of him were most favorable. (62-62145 and 118-6185)

The application form which Thompson executed for the Central Intelligence Agency in June, 1950, revealed the following employments:

1926-46 - Standard Oil Company (In this capacity he worked in various Standard Oil offices throughout the United States and was assistant to the president of Stanco Incorporated, Standard Oil affiliate.) (X) u

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1941-42 - Office of Production Management, Washington, D. C., as an industrial consultant at \$1.00 per year;

1942-43 - War Production Board as a special assistant under Donald M. Nelson;

1943-45 - Combined Production and Resources Board, Washington, D. C., as special assistant;

1943-44 - Mission for Economic Affairs in London, England, as an executive officer (He was U. S. representative of the Combined Production and Resources Board in London.);

1947-present - President of Briggs Filtration Company, Washington, D. C. (A) 4

It was noted that Thompson has lived in the vicinity of Red Bank, New Jersey, most of his life; however, in recent years he has resided in Washington, D. C., and in 1950 was living at 3111 N Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. In 1950 he stated he was president of the Briggs Filtration Company, Washington, D. C., which has been described as a manufacturer of oil filters. A pretext telephone call placed to that firm disclosed that the company manufactures filters for the conditioning of air.

In addition to the above information, Bufiles show that in 1942 an automobile which was registered to Lewis Thompson was seen at the house where Madame Helene Jules-Henri, subject of an Espionage - F investigation, resided. The occupants of the automobile registered to Thompson were seen to enter the house where Madame Jules-Henri was living. (65-41770-48)

It could not be determined whether the following references pertained to Thompson's mother or his wife:

In April, 1936, the Director received a very friendly and commendatory letter from Charles L. Chute, Executive Director of the National Probation Association, New York City. Chute invited the Director to speak at the association's annual conference; however, this invitation was declined due to a previous engagement. It was noted that Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson was listed on the National Probation Association's stationery as being a member of the Advisory Committee. (62-40233-151)

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The Newark Office advised in February, 1939, that Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson of Red Bank, New Jersey, was a member of the State Board of Institutions and Agencies, an advisory group of the Parole and Pardon System in New Jersey. It was reported that members of this board were appointed by the governor for a term of eight years and that they served without salary. (94-7-37-43)

In June, 1949, Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson, President of the Monmouth, New Jersey, County Organization for Social Service, Incorporated, wrote the Bureau to request that a firearms demonstration be given at the Sportsman's Field Day of the Wayside Rod and Gun Club of Wayside, New Jersey. The Director replied that extremely heavy pressure of the Bureau's work made it impossible to comply with her request. (94-41131-1)

*John*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 14, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

JOSEPH BRYAN III

aka. J. Bryan III.

JOE BRYAN

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jay Sourwine has not seen Senator Jenner since Robert A.

Winston made the scurrilous statement pertaining to the Director attributed to Joseph Bryan III. He endeavored to contact Jenner on June 3 after I had advised him of our interview with Bryan and he was told Jenner had gone back to Indiana. Sourwine will definitely tell Jenner of the results of our interview with Bryan.

In this connection, Sourwine has given me an exchange of correspondence between Joseph Bryan III and Robert Winston. Bryan, in a letter dated June 7, asserts that he had been shown Winston's testimony before the Senate Committee and would be interested to know how it benefits Winston or the country to take an oath that Bryan is a malicious public slanderer. It concludes by stating that he had thought that he, Bryan, was still Winston's friend.

Robert A. Winston aka, Robert Winston, Bob Winston,  
R. A. Winston Ua. - D.C.

Winston, in a rather lengthy letter of June 9, maintains his position. He, of course, denies there was any testimony and this is true. He denies that he had taken an oath, which is also true. He asserted that he did state that Bryan had made certain statements to him in private. He denies that he said Bryan made the statements maliciously; that he did say that if they were true, that he was sure Bryan would be the first man to back them up; and if not true, the man about whom Bryan made these statements should have a right to the facts and to face Bryan and Winston privately before the Committee. In other words, Winston is holding his ground and not backing down.

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*is most unfortunate that this has been delayed as in the meantime no one knows whom Jenner has reported to.*

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Colonel Joseph Bryan, III  
2808 P. Street NW , USAFR  
Washington 7, D. C.

6421 22nd Rd. N.  
Arlington 5, Va.  
June 9, 1955

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your certified letter of June 7, 1955 for which I signed the return receipt you requested.

You state in your letter: "I have been shown your recent testimony before the Senate committee", but after our telephone conversation this evening when I called you at your home, I find that you have not seen this testimony, but are only repeating portions of it which two FBI Inspectors asked me to release and to certify over my signature, and which I refused to do without the permission of the Sub-Committee before which I testified in closed session. For the past week I have been subjected to tremendous pressure to reveal my sworn testimony, but I will not do so.

Please let me clarify these points: in the course of my assigned duties in the Navy Department I received evidence that certain U. S. Government officials had endorsed and were cooperating with certain magazines--and projects endorsed by those magazines--which had been labeled by the Office of Naval Intelligence: "examples of insidious enemy psychological warfare aimed at undermining the morale of U. S. Armed Forces." You were not involved. I tried to bring this matter to the attention of individuals responsible for preventive action, and got nowhere.

I then telephoned Lyle Munson, who worked with us in the CIA and whom you personally had recommended to me as a thoroughly reliable and patriotic individual with enough guts to testify before the same group I went to. Your name did not even come up. Lyle told me I could place complete trust in Jay Sourwine, Counsel for the Committee. I briefed Mr. Sourwine on the situation. Your name was not mentioned during the briefing. He immediately arranged for me to testify under oath in executive session for a half-hour hearing which turned out to be 2 1/2 hours long. Before and after my testimony I stressed its sensitivity and the danger to our country should it be revealed. I now urge you to keep this matter from public knowledge, for the same reasons.

You state: "I would be interested to know how it benefits you, or our country, to take an oath that I am a malicious public slanderer." I took no such oath. I swore only that I would tell the truth, with God as my witness. My testimony did not benefit me in any way. On the contrary--as I knew in advance it would do--it has done me and my family irreparable harm. Whether it benefits the country is for others to decide. At least it was given privately, as privileged information which I was assured would be revealed only on a need-to-know basis.

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I did not take an oath that you are "a malicious public slanderer." I did state that you had made certain statements to me in private, in your office, in the course of explaining to me why you personally could not visit the FBI Obscenity Room and why you wanted the FBI's permission for our two staff artists to go there. I did not say that you made these statements maliciously. I did day that if they were true, I was sure you would be the first man to back them up, but that if they were not true, the man about whom you made these statements should have the right to the facts and to face you and me privately before the Committee.

I felt this very strongly, because I had just been denied the right to face my accusers, to know who they are, or what they have said about me which has smeared my reputation, ended a 20-year career of honorable service with an organization I love, ruined my whole life, and destroyed the security which has been the basis of fifteen years of the happiest marriage I know of.

You have a right to face me at any time. If I were in your shoes I should have done so immediately, taking it all the way to the Supreme Court if anyone blocked my way. Yet I had to call you first.

Thank you for informing me than an ONI investigator has called on you about me, and that you gave him a favorable report. My neighbors also tell me that ONI investigators have been very active in my behalf in the past few weeks.

Again let me assure you that I have no personal axe to grind, and no grudge against you or anyone else. Furthermore, I will be glad to go back before the Committee--preferably in closed session--with you or anyone else at any time. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. I am just as anxious to clear my good name as I am sure you are.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bob

Robert A. Winston

c.c. Mr. J. G. Sourwine

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Dear Bob:

I have been shown your recent  
testimony before the Senate committee,  
and I would be interested to know how  
it benefits you, or our country, to take  
an oath that I am a malicious public  
slanderer.

In turn, it may interest you  
to know what I told an investigator from  
ONI. I said that I considered you a  
loyal, hard-working, first-rate man.  
Loyal!

I had thought that I was still  
your friend,

(signed) Joe.

7 June 1955

Certified a true copy

/s/ R. A. Winston  
R. A. Winston

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TO :

Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT:

JOSEPH BRYAN III

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Senator Jenner returned to town. I talked to him this afternoon regarding the statement made by Robert A. Winston to Jenner reporting a remark made by Joseph Bryan III. Jenner stated that he never had any doubt in his mind but that Winston told the truth. He furthermore never had any doubt in his mind but that Bryan was a "liar" as he has tangled with Bryan before in the inquiry made by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on the John Paton Davies incident wherein several left wingers were recommended to the Central Intelligence Agency and that Bryan had attended one of the meetings wherein Davies attended and made recommendations and then sought to duck out from under it.

I told Senator Jenner that we had seen Bryan; that Bryan had denied that he had ever made such a statement and had written a hand-written letter to the Director reiterating this denial. I told the Senator we just wanted him to know of this because one does not like to have these malicious lies circulated. Jenner stated he knew this was a lie and that he certainly would not do any circulating. Sourwine had already reported developments to Jenner when I called him.

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